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## WITH THE FARMERS

### FREE DISTRIBUTION OF SEED GRAIN CATALOGUE.

With a view to assisting farmers desirous of procuring good seed grain, the district representatives of the seed branch of the Dominion department of agriculture for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, have this year compiled in tabulated form the following particulars regarding the prize winning and commendable exhibits at seed fairs held in co-operation with the seed branch in the three western provinces: Class, prize won, total score obtained out of a possible 100, weight per measured bushel, per cent germination, points of merit, defects, variety, number of bushels for sale, price per bushel, and exhibitor's name and address.

The officers of the seed branch state that this catalogue is now printed and ready for free distribution. A supply is being sent to the secretaries of the agricultural societies, boards of trade and local improvement societies, in each of the three provinces, and any farmer who wishes to obtain a copy of this catalogue may secure one by applying to the parties mentioned. Any person who wishes to obtain seed grain will find an extensive list of the best catalogue seed in the country in this catalogue, and no time should be lost in securing a copy, as this grain will doubtless be picked up very fast as there is a limited supply of it in the country this year.

### DAIRYING IN THE WEST.

Ottawa, Ont., March 4.—J. A. Rudick, dairy and cold storage commissioner, in his annual report expresses the opinion that there is not much likelihood of there being a marked increase in the amount of cheese available for export in the near future. Of the situation in Western Canada the report says: "Great developments are shown in Northern Alberta, which is the last of all the western provinces to engage in dairy work, and there are now 41 creameries and eight cheese factories in that province, and the number is increasing rapidly. In the province of Saskatchewan there are six creameries, but no cheese factories. The creamery industry does not show much progress in the province of Saskatchewan, but there is a large quantity of dairy butter made and the probability is that the near future will see a considerable stimulus given to the creamery industry.

There is a revival of the interest in the dairy industry in the province of Manitoba. The first organization of the dairy industry in Manitoba was scarcely suited to the conditions prevailing in that province, and the failure of which resulted had the effect of discouraging farmers to some extent, but business is now being organized along lines which have the effect of encouraging farmers to some extent, but business is now being organized along lines which have the effect of encouraging farmers to some extent.

In British Columbia there are 11 creameries in operation and the business is established on a sound, healthy basis. The combined output of the creameries and cheese factories in the western provinces is not sufficient to meet the demands of the local markets, including the comparatively small quantity shipped to the Yukon and the Orient. The result is that the stocks in Eastern Canada have been drawn upon to supply the demands of the trade in the west."

### GOOD PRICES FOR STOCK.

Prices which belie the existence of a financial stringency and which are evidence of the fact that there is a big demand for stock in this country, were secured yesterday at an auction sale conducted by Auctioneers Walker & Daniel, of Fort Saskatchewan, of the farm stock and implements of Louis Dorel, farmer, near Lamoreaux. Cows sold from \$28 to \$46, brood sows from \$11 to \$15, one team, cows, three years old, \$400; one 3-year-old driving mare, \$240; one high as \$14 per head and 12 calves, about 9 months old, brought \$10 each. The machinery sold at good prices.

### CREAMERY CONVENTION.

The provincial department of agriculture will shortly commence an active campaign for the improvement and extension of the manufacture of butter and cheese in the province of the province. About the last week in March a convention of provincial creamery men will be held in Red Deer, at which Hon. W. F. Fraser, Minister of Agriculture, Christian Marker, superintendent of provincial dairies, J. G. Clark and others, will speak. A short course of instruction in testing, and the technical features of better making will be given. Mr. Clarke will speak on the selection of dairy stock.

### STOCK GROWERS' MEETING.

Lacombe, Alta., March 2.—The Central Alberta Stock Growers' association have their next meeting at Lacombe, Friday, March 6th, 1908. Dr. Rutherford live stock commissioner, will be in attendance. Frank Whitehead will give a report of the live stock convention held in Ottawa. There will also be other speakers of interest. Those attending the convention will get reduced rates by asking for C.P.R. standard certificates at the starting point.

### CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—The cattle trade was nominally steady on Saturday. In sheep, conditions were unchanged, the supply in both branches being light. Big cattle have had a bad week, but light stuff has moved readily at slightly better prices. Lambs were put back to last week's closing quotations, but sheep are on the high point of year. The arrivals of cattle today were 2,600. This was enough to disturb the ratio of prices and all were brought up on practically the same basis as yesterday. Compared to a week ago, and still at a high point of season thus far. Bologna heads are gradually getting higher and are selling at \$1.00 and \$1.10, and feeders were practically steady compared with a week ago.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, March 2.—Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock-yards were 56 cars, composed of 1,064 cattle, 12 and 44 horses. The quality of fat cattle, generally speaking, was fairly good, more of the better class coming forward. Trade was good and sales were made more readily than a week ago. Export steers sold at \$5.00 to \$5.50 with one load of them. The bulk of the sales were at \$5.15 to \$5.15 per cwt. Export bulls sold at \$4.00 to \$4.25, with extra quality at \$4.50. Prime pickled lots were \$4.50 to \$5.00. Lots of good steers and heifers at \$4.50 to \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25 to \$4.40; common, \$4.00 to \$4.20; cows, bulk of the best, at \$3.50 to \$4.25; common, \$3.00 to \$3.25; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per cwt. A limited number of milkers at \$3.00 to \$3.50 each. Export ewes sold at \$4.50 to \$4.75 and yearlings at \$5.00 per cwt. for butchers' purposes. Lambs sold at \$6.50 to \$7.00 per cwt.; \$5.00 per cwt. Feed and watered at market \$4.75 l.b. cars at country points.

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Chicago, March 2.—A few cattle sold above \$5.00 and cheap stuff had the preference. Cows sold at a lot of lambs and they had to sell around \$6.75. Only 23,000 cattle arrived to-day, which was a smaller run than the trade expected. The demand seemed to be about normal, and one market was active and generally strong. As usual, light steers were favored, but today the few heavy cattle that were good sold well. Bulls sold strong and calves were steady. Feeding cattle were about the same as the close last week.

### CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 3.—Cattle receipts were light and market was in much the same condition as yesterday, of 10 to 15 cents higher than last week's close. The fresh supply was mainly butcher stuff. Lambs were dull, but steady, and sheep were higher. Short sheep sold practically at the same price as woolled goats. Packers bought the bulk of the light cattle at about yesterday's quotations. There was a strong feeling of uneasiness about calves and the market was a little better.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal, March 3.—In the cattle market today 500 head of butcher cattle, 150 small calves, 60 milch cows and springers, 20 sheep and lambs and 100 fat calves were sold. The trade was slow and the prices had a downward tendency. Few of the best cattle sold at 5 cents per lb., but they were not extra. Extra, pretty good animals sold at 4 cents to nearly 4 1/2 and common stock at 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. There were few superior milch cows on the market and there were others that were small and lean. Calves were all young, veals were not fat and prices ranged from \$2.50 to \$4.00 each. Sheep sold at 5 1/2 cents per pound and lambs at 6 1/2 cents per lb. Good lots of fat hogs sold at 5 1/2 cents per lb.

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Chicago, March 5.—The cattle trade is about steady, the comparatively small quantity shipped to the Yukon and the Orient. The result is that the stocks in Eastern Canada have been drawn upon to supply the demands of the trade in the west."

### SATURDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, March 1.—Perhaps because February 29th will not fall on Saturday again for 28 years the market was a wild one and the bulls held it all their own way. Cables were up at the start 1/2 to 1/4. Primary receipts were small and the demand in all markets was active and prices fairly jumped for the first two hours and even during the last half the reaction was small. At the close Chicago was 1 1/2 for May, 1 1/4 for July, 1 1/4 for September, higher than Friday. In Minneapolis the advance was 1 1/2 for May and 1 1/4 for July. In Winnipeg the advance was not so marked, being 1 1/4 for May and 1 1/4 for July, at the close, though during the morning both options had sold 1/4 higher. Trading was active in these months, but cash offerings were light. Receipts were 70 cars against 104 last year. The strength of the market is generally attributed to the realization of a decline in receipts from all over the world.

### MONDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, March 2.—Cables were higher, the visible wheat supply showed a marked decrease and Argentine supplies had fallen off. Primary receipts were small and yet with the usual contraindications of the markets in face of all the bull news the wheat went lower. The decline was sharp and decisive, amounting to 1 1/4 for May, 1 1/4 for July and 1 1/4 for September. Chicago was 1 1/2 for May, 1 1/4 for July, 1 1/4 for September, higher than Friday. In Minneapolis the advance was 1 1/2 for May and 1 1/4 for July. In Winnipeg the advance was not so marked, being 1 1/4 for May and 1 1/4 for July, at the close, though during the morning both options had sold 1/4 higher. Trading was active in these months, but cash offerings were light. Receipts were 70 cars against 104 last year. The strength of the market is generally attributed to the realization of a decline in receipts from all over the world.

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